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## Elba council approves complete new guidelines for fire department

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Last week the Elba City Council completed their work and officially approved new policies and procedures for the Elba volunteer fire department.

Mayor James Grimes said he had worked closely with the fire department officers and with other city officials to ensure this was workable and acceptable to all parties.

Included is a two page job description for the fire chief and a much longer and more detailed set of policies and procedures for the entire department.

Mayor Grimes asked a council member planning to attend the statewide meeting of the League of Municipalities to serve as the voting delegate for Elba. However no member indicated plans to attend the May

meeting in Birmingham.

Grimes reported to the council that revenue continues to outstrip budget projections, a strong indication that the national recession is over and business on the upswing.

Sales tax income is 13% above projections while tobacco tax is 39% over projections.

However several expense items are also higher than expected. This includes office expenses, appropriations and police.

Coming in under budget for the first six months of the year were the fire department, recreation department and debt retirement.

They were funded by the street department, but only by a \$291 under budget margin.

The debt retirement numbers are misleading and should only be measured on an annual basis to fully assess expenditures.

## Town hall meeting set for Tuesday, April 6, in Elba

The Elba Downtown Redevelopment Committee, City of Elba and Elba Chamber of Commerce will again be welcoming Dr. Cheryl Morgan to Elba. However no member indicated plans to attend the May

meeting in Birmingham.

Dr. Morgan will lead a Town Meeting that will focus on plans for the revitalization of the downtown area. As a professor in the College of Architecture at Auburn University, Dr. Morgan works with the Center for Architecture and Urban Studies in Birmingham to help direct communities across the state with their revitalization efforts.

Since the last town meeting, Dr. Morgan has been working on a preliminary plan that will detail specific ideas to help boost enthusiasm within the community by redeveloping the downtown area, which will in turn encourage tourism to Elba.

The final product that will be provided to Elba citizens from the Center for Architecture and Urban Studies will be a set of posters that will be distributed to each Elba household. The poster will show specific ideas that must be done in order to fulfill the plan that is decided on by the community.

The upcoming meeting will be held at the Elba High School auditorium Tuesday, April 6, at 7 p.m. All Elba citizens are encouraged to attend.

Bill and JoAnn Driggers stand outside The Ranch House Cafeteria. The couple have owned and operated the local restaurant since April 1, 1978.

## Riley awards \$5,400 grant to City of Elba

Governor Bob Riley awarded a \$5,400 grant to the City of Elba to purchase a generator that will provide electricity for the police department's radio tower and maintain emergency communications during power outages.

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## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The news outlets - newspaper, radio and television - are all up tight with the question of "Did the administration in Washington do enough, ignore, mess up, etc., the warnings about 9-11?" With our great 20-20 hindsight, we would vote yes - they should have known. However, putting it all in perspective, the picture is a bit different. Apparently there are terrorist warnings around the clock every day. If the government kept us on alarm for every one, the whole bunch would soon be ignored or scorned by the general public. Our documentation for this is the many complaints from the public and the news media - over the "yellow/orange alerts" issued since 9-11. When the government issues one of these alerts and then nothing happens, the other alerts are ignored. Looked at that way, round-the-clock vigilance by guardian angels prevents the attack - the drums roll and those responsible for issuing the alert are criticized from coast to coast. We also remember the story of Colonel Oliver North being caught out of a legislative hearing years ago when he characterized Bin Laden as that's most dangerous terrorist alive. Unfortunately we share the frustration and do our share of complaining but like those in the news headlines, we don't have a good answer that will guarantee a lifetime of safety for your children, grandchildren and the other good people of this world.

A couple of weeks ago another of our blank brain mistakes made it into this column. While quoting a USA publication about Elba, we mentioned several people the writer quoted including Elba police officer. However, it was Dalton Francis, not Dalton Farris who was in the Tuscaloosa article. Our apology to Mr. Francis, he deserves better - and of course to all the Farris' in the world, who like the Fancis' are real proud of their name and what it represents.

U.S. Senator Richard Shelby said recently that he is running for another term in Washington. That was of little surprise to any listening to him at the time. Going further we would look with amazement at anyone who would actually qualify to run against a man with the humongous war chest Shelby reportedly has already collected for his re-election campaign. There is no doubt the Democratic party would love to have that Senate seat in their column, but they probably concede it ain't gonna happen this year.

Bingo gambling (the video kind) is on the fast track to becoming a reality for those special folks we write about every time this gambling issue comes up. We add to our previous negative comments the fact that a huge majority of our Alabama lawmakers pledged, in writing, during their election campaign to oppose legalized gambling. Yet they wonder why voters question them on "accountability" issues. Oh, we understand now - they are not voting for gambling this year but taking the campaign donations and in the trust of democratic actions, allowing us grunts a chance to vote on the issue.

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Worship Service • 11 a.m.



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Tanner and Kate Hudson, the children of Chris and Destiny Hudson of Elba, found themselves surrounded by flamingos last Thursday afternoon, March 25. The flamingos visited the front lawn of the Hudson household as part of The People's Bank ongoing fund raiser for the People's Bank. To schedule a visit from the flamingos contact Melonie Blair at The Peoples Bank.

## Elba Police Report

ed at Ace Hardware (6:09 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, MAR. 23** - Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, MAR. 24** - Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, MAR. 25** - River stage 5.6 feet (6:39 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a brush fire at 1529 County Rd. 415 (3:52 p.m.); Alarm activated at 732 Lee St. (5:12 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 709 County Rd. 410 (5:24 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, MAR. 26** - Routine activity.

**SATURDAY, MAR. 27** - Prowler reported at 768 Pinedale (9:54 p.m.); Prowler reported at 14522 Hwy. 87 S. (10:43 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, MAR. 28** - Disturbance (loud noise) reported at Elba Villas on Caroline St. (4:20 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 1225 Farris St. (10:21 p.m.).

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## CHURCH &amp; AREA NEWS



**THE SUPER KIDS** of The Elba United Methodist Church meet every Wednesday night at the church. During their study of the "Beatitudes", they made a quilt with squares representing each of the "Beatitudes". Each Super Kid also drew a religious picture on a square of the material with fabric paint. With their leader's help Rachel Baxter they put the quilt together by using an embroidery machine. After the quilt was finished, names (provided by church members) were put in a box and a winner was drawn to receive the quilt. Mrs. Nona Cooper's name was selected to be the recipient. Mrs. Cooper was delighted to receive the quilt.

### Westside Baptist Church plans Holy Week activities

Westside Baptist Church located at 1026 Caroline Street invites everyone to attend their Holy Week activities beginning with:

**April 4-Palm Sunday** 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School and 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service 6:00 p.m. "The Easter Tree" presented by The Children's Choir.

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**ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Louise Reynolds - Interim  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Elsie Phillips-Copes, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Tue. Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Darryl Caldwell, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Class ..... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Martin Senn, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ..... 6:30 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Martha Baker  
Church ..... 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Morning Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**  
E. H. Hill, Minister  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
1st, 3rd, & 4th Sundays

**DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Ron V. McLean  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor, Don Graham  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Disciples Training ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Ralph Medley Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Lavel Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ..... 7:15 p.m.

### IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD**  
Elba Stallard, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD**  
Jerry Wesley, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Albert Richards, Pastor  
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# SCHOOLS

## Co-Op Spotlight

by Ayonna Procter



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Brittany Cooper  
& Christy Eubanks

### Favorites chosen by Class of 2004

by Katie Driggers

Recently the senior class voted on its class favorites.

The captions voted on were most dependable, most athletic, most school spirited, to succeed, most intelligent, best all around, most talented, friendliest, best dressed and most unpredictable.

Each senior was given a ballot to fill in a name of male and female they thought best suited the category. The results are:

**Most Dependable:**  
Cathy Capps  
**Most English:**  
Hannah Martin**Most Athletic:**  
Quinton Gavin**Most Intelligent:**  
Ayonna Procter**Most All-Around:**  
Randy Miller**Most School Spirit:**  
Leanna Sutty**Derrick Thomas**  
**Katie Dyess**  
**Friendliest:**  
Nina West**Most Likely to Succeed:**  
Lance Cross**Mary Katherine Head****Best Dressed:**  
Kaci Grantham**Most Intellectual:**  
Alex Allen**Blake Brunson****Most Unpredictable:**  
Bobby Ordyn**Leanna Sutty****Most Dependable:**  
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This week's Co-Op Spotlight shines on Tyler Norris.

Tyler, a senior at Elba High, is the 18-year-old son of Pamela Lewis.

He is an employee of Dairy Queen. He has been employed there for five months. Four to five days of the week Tyler works at a cook there.

While not at school or at work he enjoys listening to music and playing music. As far as high school, Tyler is undecided.

I'm sure he will succeed at whatever it is he decides to do.

Good luck and congratulations on being this week's Co-Op Spotlight.

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- John Deere Caps
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### Dates to Remember:

March 22-26 - Spring Break  
April 5-16 - Stanford Achievement Tests  
April 9 - Good Friday Holiday  
April 24 - Jr/Sr. Prom  
April 27 - Grandparents Day  
May 12 - Seniors' Last Day  
May 16 - Baccalaureate  
May 18 - Graduation

### SUPPORT OUR YOUTH, EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

**EES Student of the Week**  
by Mary Katherine Head

Randall Solomon is this week's EES Student of the Week from the fifth grade. He is the 11-year-old son of James Solomon and Jennifer Hill.

Randall is in Mrs. Jana Curris' room and while at school he enjoys his PE class.

Randall has a brother and four sisters: Shaquelle Solomon, Chima Solomon, Kristanna Solomon, Tre Vara Solomon, and Veronica Solomon. All of Randall's siblings are younger than him; therefore he helps care of them a lot.

Randall enjoys drawing and playing football and listening to his favorite singer, Alicia Keys. He also enjoys watching his favorite movie, *Terminator III*, and his favorite television show, *Dragon Ball GT*.

Randall's favorite food is banana pudding, and when he grows up he wants to be a professional football player for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

When asked how it feels to be student of the week, Randall replied, "It feels good, like all of my work and time spent at school has paid off."

Congratulations Randall for being the fifth grade Student of the Week at EES!

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

**ELBA BAND DAY • On the Square • APRIL 10, 2004 • 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**  
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
 9:00 AM—ELBA ELEMENTARY 5TH&6TH 12:30 PM—MASTER'S CALL  
 GRADE BANDS 1:00 PM—AUCTION & PRESENTATION OF  
 9:30 AM—ELBA MARCHING TIGER BAND PAGEANT WINNERS  
 10:00 AM—DIXIE LAND CLOGGERS 1:30 PM—ELBA ELEMENTARY BANDS  
 10:30 AM—SOUTHSIDE SHUFFLERS 2:00 PM—ELBA MARCHING TIGER BAND  
 11:00 AM—CARL BROOKS  
 11:30 AM—LOIS PITTMAN DANCERS  
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CEC employee Susie Adams shows the grand prize, a 1996 Ford Explorer XL to be given away to one lucky CEC member at the 2004 CEC Annual Membership Meeting on April 1. Other major prizes include a 27-inch color TV, microwave oven, DVD player, electric grill and \$160 cash.

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## Thursday, April 1

Covington Electric Cooperative  
 2004 Annual Membership Meeting

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Entertainment — 5:30 p.m.

Business Session — 7 p.m.



### Family Entertainment

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

Annual Lindsey Reunion planned for Saturday, April 3

The annual Lindsey family reunion will be held Saturday April 3, 2004 at the Masonic Lodge on Larkin Rd., Elba.

### TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON TO HOLD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of New Brockton, Alabama, will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2004, in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall. The message of the skit was to teach children the do's and don'ts of dog bite safety. The program is part of an ongoing education effort of State Farm Insurance.

The children are taught how to approach dogs that they know and don't know and how to protect themselves in case they are attacked. The importance of Elba Animal Control Officer George Homayak to the community.

### Revival planned at Goodman Baptist

Goodman Baptist Church will have revival on April 4-7. Services will be on Sunday at 11 AM and 6 PM and on Monday thru Wednesday evenings at 7 PM. Rev. James Roberson will be the guest evangelist. The church is located on County Road 625.

How to use your personal computer offered at LBWCC

LBW Community College-MacArthur Campus will offer How to Use Your Personal Computer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for six weeks. Classes will be held in the Computer Science Department Room G-1. The class will begin on Tuesday, April 13, 2004 and end on Thursday, May 20, 2004.

The cost of the course is \$85.00 per participant. Participants will be charged an additional fee for their textbook. Anyone interested in this course must register before Tuesday, April 13, 2004. For more information or to register please contact Susan Dee at (334) 493-3573, ext. 5360.

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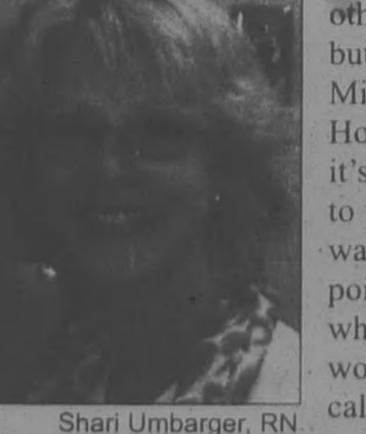


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# SPORTS

## Views from... The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Now that high school softball and recreation league softball are both underway it means that it is time to buy lots of bread and sandwich meat at the Mularz house so that we can eat fast and head out to a game or practice. Dad will try to find time to grill out on the weekend, but during the week the girls will have to exist on ham, turkey and bologna, with maybe a banana sandwich thrown in for a change of pace. Oh well, at least if we get some paper plates the kitchen should stay clean.

## FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\* I have two girls that have always been active in sports and have often had a difference of opinion with their coaches. However, if a problem became big enough I would meet with the coach one-on-one and try to work out matters without getting the girls involved or making a public display of my feelings. Last week the Elba Tigers dropped a double-header in baseball to Zion Chapel and after the games a number of parents chose to stand behind the backstop and yell at the coaches. Most of the parents seemed upset that the players had to run after the games and assumed that the extra running was a punishment for losing the games. The truth was that the running was due to the actions of some of the players on the bench later in the second game. The coaches were not at fault and the parents should be displeased clear for any and all to hear and openly criticized the coaches. I too was a little embarrassed at the outcome of the games, but Elba High fields a baseball team for the students and whether or not a parent supports the coaches they should support the team. At least three players walked off the field and quit while their former teammates ran in the outfield, and one parent literally jumped for joy when told that her son had quit the team. I know some of the parents have problems with the coaches and they are definitely entitled to voice that displeasure. However, for the good of the team and the players next time please hang around and talk with the coaches after everyone else has left. The coaches are grown men and will explain why they do what they do, and as men should be willing to sit and listen to your concerns. When adults have problems they should work out those problems among themselves and not in public for all to see, and hear.

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers dropped a double-header to Zion Chapel last week as they prepared for the upcoming 5-7. The Tigers had won two baseball games for about three innings, but once things started going bad in the field the Elba players seemed to lose focus and simply fell apart. Coach Grimes has preached all season long that the Tigers have to play well on defense to win games, and last week Elba simply did not play well in the field and the Rebels took advantage of the mistakes to claim two lopsided wins. I know there are problems on the team in the field, at the plate and in the dugout, but there is still a lot of baseball left this season and the players need to come together and rededicate themselves to being a winning team. The Elba players have all played baseball since they were old enough to walk and know what it takes to win, and now is the time for them to put their differences behind them and come together as a team.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers took the week off for spring break and will get back to work this week with three games as they try to regroup after a 2-7 start. A nagging leg injury to Elba pitcher Stephanie Bailey forced the Lady Tiger standout out of three games, and even though the Tigers lost all three games, I am still not sure that they have two other pitchers that can get the job done and should be confident that they can play well and win no matter who is on the pitching rubber. Elba's early-season woes have been due in large part to a lack of consistency at the plate and in the field, and maybe after a week off the girls will come back relaxed and hit the ball, play well in the field and regain their confidence. There is a lot of softball left to play and this bunch of girls know they can win.

\*\*\* Elba's Dr. Billy Farris is a graduate of the University of Alabama and has always been one of the Crimson Tide's biggest supporters, no matter what the sport. Dr. Farris was a member of the Alabama baseball team back in the late 50s and was on the team for three years before getting into dentistry school and deciding it was more important to hit the books than the fast ball. He remained close to the school after graduation and helped recruit a number of players in various sports, and was happy just being a grad and a Crimson Tide supporter. Last week Dr. Farris was repaid for his years on the baseball diamond and his dedication to the Alabama athletic family when he was voted into the "A Club," the university's athletic alumni association. All Alabama players that letter in a sport are inducted into the organization, but since "Doc" didn't see a lot of action during his career he never earned a varsity letter and never thought that one day he would be a member of the cherished club. The club meets annually prior to the A Day game in football, and last week over 50 names were presented to the nomination committee for consideration. Only three names were approved, and one of those was Dr. Billy Farris, of Elba. While he has always been a Crimson Tide supporter and never even thought about being a member of the "A Club," last week's honor was one he will never forget, and even though it came 46 years after he played for the Tide, I am sure he will tell you it was worth the wait. Congratulations, Doc!

\*\*\* UAB Basketball coach Mike Anderson got a lot of attention last week after the Blazers knocked Kentucky out of the NCAA tournament and was being mentioned as one of the hot young coaches in the nation. I may be wrong, but Coach Anderson's stock had to take a hit later in the week when his team was blasted by Kansas and he was ejected after receiving two technical fouls. A coach's job is to lead his team and make adjustments during a game to give his team a chance to win, not to sit in the locker room while his team plays in the Sweet Sixteen. There is no doubt that Coach Anderson is a very talented young coach with a future in the profession. However, no college administrator wants to hire a coach that is a threat to get ejected from a game, and last week's actions might slow down Anderson's climb up the coaching ladder.

\*\*\* Alabama was no match for U Conn in the regional finals, but the Crimson Tide had quite a run late in the season and should have set the tone for a big season next year when they tip it off again. Back in mid-season Alabama owned a 12-10 record and was 4-7 in the SEC and seemed to be dead in the water. All the Tide did was regroup and go on a run that Bama fans had not seen in many, many years. While the NCAA success did allow Coach Gottfried to get off the hot seat for a while, you can bet that the Tide doesn't come out strong next season fans will be wondering what happened. With four starters back, that should not happen and the Tide should be a contender for a conference title and another long run in the NCAA tournament.

\*\*\* In closing... I urge all parents to support the children as they get ready to begin the spring baseball and softball seasons. Often times parents will hold their kids off the work and not come back until the games are over, and that is no way to treat your child that you care about what he/she is doing. I know it is sometimes a chore to get the kids to practice and sit for a few hours at a game, but they are willing to work hard in practice and compete at games, and they do it to make you proud. Let them know you care by going to the games and lending your support. Please!

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SEASONS  
BEGIN APRIL 5 IN ELBA

By Alabama Sports Writers

## Kinston's Driver named 2nd team All-State

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its 2004 All-State High School Basketball selections over the weekend and named to the second team in Class 1A was Kinston Bulldog standout Jeremy Driver.

Driver, a 6-5, senior, center, averaged 17.5 points, 14.3 rebounds and 3.7 blocked shots per game in leading the Bulldogs to a 15-11 record and a berth in the sub-region finals.

Following is a list of area players receiving honors:

**CLASS 6A**  
Boys  
Second Team - Dee Brown, Calhoun (5-9, Sr.)  
**CLASS 5A**  
Boys  
Second Team - Curt Parker, Charles Henderson (6-8, Sr.)  
First Team - Robin Porter, Second Team - Travis Thomas, Abbeville (5-11, Jr.)

High School  
\* BASEBALL \* SOFTBALL \* SCHEDULES

## \*\* BASEBALL \*\*

Thursday, April 1  
Abbeville at Elba (V) 4:00  
Zion Chapel at New Brockton (V) 4:30

Saturday, April 3  
Zion Chapel at Arinton (V) 1:00

Monday, April 5  
Elba at Straughn (V) 4:00  
Zion Chapel at Houston County (V) 5:00

## \*\* SOFTBALL \*\*

Thursday, April 1  
Elba at Greenville (V) 4:00  
Kinston at New Brockton (V) 4:30

Friday, April 2  
Pleasant Home at Kinston (JV-V) 4:00

Saturday, April 3  
Arinton Tournament

Monday, April 5  
Luverne at Brantley (V) 4:00

Tuesday, April 6  
Elba at Pleasant Home (V) 5:30  
Luverne at Kinston (V) 4:30  
Arinton at Brantley (JV-V) 3:30

Thursday, April 8  
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# SPORTS

## Complete season sweep

## Rebels rock Tigers 14-2, 12-2

The Elba Tigers hosted their neighbors from Zion Chapel last Tuesday afternoon for a baseball double-header and watched as the Rebels completed a season sweep over the Tigers by posting a pair of lopsided wins by the scores of 14-2 and 12-2.

The losses left Elba with a record of 3-7, while Zion Chapel upped its record to 9-7.

We played good for about

three innings in both games and had chances to take control early," stated Elba's Coach Wynn Grimes, "but fell apart in the field late in both games and really let things get out of control." Zion Chapel came to play and deserved to win, but we just didn't give the kind of effort we must give to win games and that was a major disappointment. We have a lot of baseball to play and must regroup and come together as a team if we are going to reach some of the goals we set before the season started. We can win and can play the game. However, we need all nine players on the field playing well at all times and need the players not in the game to stay alert and be ready. It takes a team effort to win and that is what we must have."

Following are highlights of both games:

## Z.C. 12

The Elba Tigers trailed only 3-2 heading into the fifth inning, but for the second straight game

watched as the Zion Chapel Rebels broke loose late and pulled a 12-2 win over the Tigers.

Abe Childs had a two-run single with two outs in the top of the first inning to help the Rebels jump out to a quick 3-0 lead, but Elba battled back and scored long runs in the second and third innings, to cut the Zion Chapel lead to 3-2.

The Rebels continued to circulate the bases in the fifth as Zion Chapel came to play and the Rebels made two errors and two Elba players to plate eight runs and move on top 14-2. Macon Hodges doubled to open the inning for the Rebels and later added a bases-loaded double to spark Zion Chapel to the big inning at the plate, while Abe Childs and Josh Smith also added key hits with two outs.

Elba's Matthew Curran had a two-out single for the Tigers in the bottom of the fifth, but it was the only run Elba could muster as the Tigers failed to keep the game alive and suffered the 14-2 defeat.

The Tigers had a chance to take the lead in the bottom of the fourth after singles by Ryan Gibbs and Clark Skinner.

However, Elba failed to push a run across the plate and remained behind 3-2 heading into the fifth.

An Elba error opened the door for the Rebels in their half

of the fifth, while another Tiger miscue kept the inning alive and before the Tigers could get the third out Zion Chapel had a scored six runs to allow 10 runs in the top 14-2, in five innings.

The Rebels grabbed an early 1-0 lead in the top of the second on a two-out single by Abe Childs and a pair of Elba errors,

Macon Hodges had two doubles, scored 3 runs and knocked in 3 runs to lead Zion Chapel at the plate, while Abe Childs and

Curran and Clark Skinner all had 1 hit to lead Elba at the plate, while Skinner was tagged with the loss on the mound as he allowed six earned runs on 10 hits in 4.2 five innings.

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## County BOE holds routine meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Board member Danny Jernigan said the superintendent is doing a good job of research, and he appreciates the options she is presenting to the board.

In other business, the board

\* Granted Ingram permission to seek bids for domestic duplicating paper which will be used in the office and at the schools for the 2004-05 school term.

\* Adopted the school calendar

for the 2004-05 school year. \* Approved the textbook committee upon the recommendation of Ingram.

\* Approved a motion to allow the chairman and vice-chairman

to seek bids for domestic duplicating paper which will be used in the office and at the schools for the 2004-05 school term.

\* Approved the school calendar

along with the normal

Wednesday pick-up schedule:

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